

Mefloquine Hydrochloride (Lariam®) Tablets

You need to take malaria prevention medicine before you travel to a malaria area, while you are in a malaria area, and after you return from a malaria area.

If taken correctly, Lariam is effective at preventing malaria but, like all medications, it may produce side effects in some patients.

If you use Lariam to prevent malaria and you develop a sudden onset of anxiety, depression, restlessness, confusion (possible signs of more serious mental problems), or you develop other serious side effects, contact a doctor or other health care provider. It may be necessary to stop taking Lariam and use another malaria prevention medicine instead.

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Other medicines approved in the United States for malaria prevention include: Doxycycline, atovaquone/proguanil, hydroxychloroquine, and chloroquine. Not all malaria medicines work equally well in malaria areas. The chloroquines, for example, do not work in many parts of the world. If you can't get another medicine, leave the malaria area. However, be aware that leaving the malaria area may not protect you from getting malaria. You still need to take a malaria prevention medicine.

Please read the Medication Guide for additional information on Lariam.

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